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### Iceberg B-22K Has Calved From B-22A

29OCT2026, SUITLAND, MD — The U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) has confirmed that iceberg B-22K (Figure 1, below) calved from the iceberg B-22A. As of October 29, B-22K was centered at 69° 45' South and 163° 21' East and measured 7 nautical miles on its longest axis and 4 nautical miles on its widest axis. As of October 29, B-22A was centered at 69° 39' South and 163° 49' East and measured 29 nautical miles on its longest axis and 25 nautical miles on its widest axis.

The new iceberg was first spotted and confirmed by USNIC Master Ice Forecaster Britney Fajardo using the Sentinel-1 image below.

Iceberg names are derived from the Antarctic quadrant in which they were originally calved. The quadrants are divided counter-clockwise in the following manner:

A = 0-90W (Bellingshausen/Weddell Sea)
B = 90W-180 (Amundsen/Eastern Ross Sea)
C = 180-90E (Western Ross Sea/Wilkesland)
D = 90E-0 (Amery/Eastern Weddell Sea)

When first sighted, an iceberg's point of origin is documented by USNIC. The letter of the quadrant, along with a sequential number, is assigned to the iceberg. For example, C-19 is sequentially the 19th iceberg tracked by USNIC in Antarctica between 180-90E (Quadrant C). Icebergs with letter suffixes have calved from already named icebergs, where the letters are added in sequential order. For example, C-19D is the 4th iceberg to calve off the original C-19 iceberg.

Iceberg positions are analyzed weekly and are available on the USNIC webpage at:
https://usicecenter.gov/Products/AntarcIcebergs

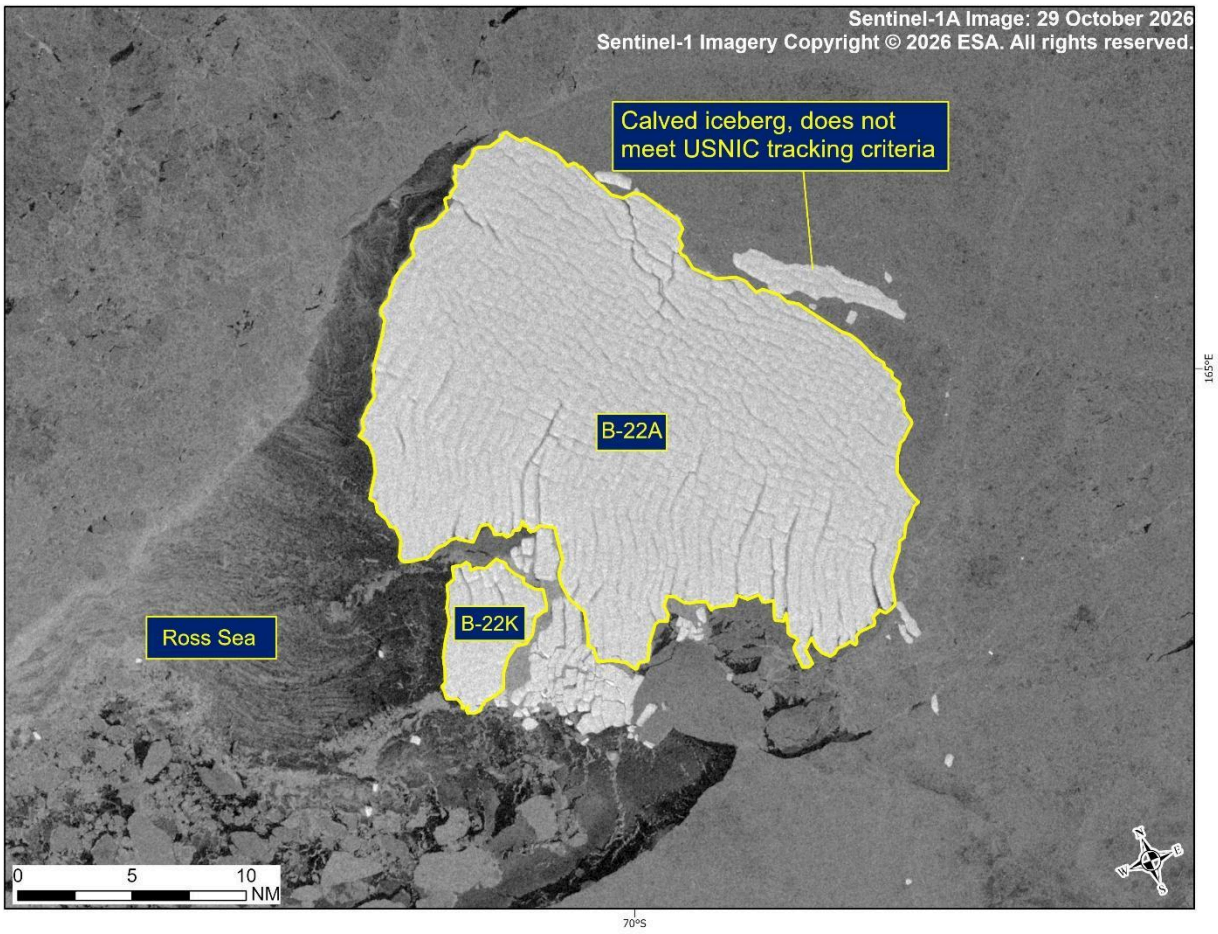


*Figure 1: Sentinel-1 image of icebergs from October 29, 2026.*

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